



**Adoption Resolution
August 2, 2017**

State of New Jersey
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION TO HONOR MARK W. BIEDRON

WHEREAS, Mark W. Biedron has been a distinguished member of the New Jersey State Board of Education for six years, having served as President of the State Board for three terms from July 2014 through June 2017; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as State Board President, Mr. Biedron convened a committee of his peers and senior members of the Department of Education to develop a five-year Strategic Blueprint for public education in New Jersey using a thorough and inclusive process that incorporated feedback from a varied group of educators, policymakers and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as State Board President, Mr. Biedron supported far-reaching reform initiatives such as the educator evaluation requirements and the adoption of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, as well as the initial transition to local control of State-operated school districts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Biedron's efforts demonstrated his sincere belief that all children, regardless of their residence or economic status, can be successful and college and career ready through the provision of a comprehensive and aligned system of high-quality preschool through post-secondary instructional programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Biedron actively supported efforts by the Department of Education and stakeholder groups to promote sustainability in New Jersey's public schools, environmental awareness among students and educators, positive school culture and climate, social-emotional learning and interpersonal skills, and civics education and awareness; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Biedron consistently, generously and humbly devoted substantial time and energy to the State Board and the education community through his efforts to meet with and actively promote collaboration among various stakeholder groups and used these valuable experiences to inform the development of sound education policy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Biedron worked tirelessly representing the State Board at diverse gatherings and conferences to maintain an awareness of the pressing educational concerns of students, parents, teachers, administrators and other educational stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the members of the State Board of Education sincerely appreciate Mr. Biedron's diligent efforts to gain consensus from stakeholders on educational issues before the State Board; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education applaud Mark W. Biedron for his intelligent and forward-thinking leadership style that ably guided the State Board to enact education policy that effectuated meaningful change and supported successful practices in New Jersey's public education system; and be it further

RESOLVED, the New Jersey State Board of Education commends Mr. Biedron for his outstanding leadership as President of the State Board of Education and honors him for his commitment, dedication and service to the State Board and on behalf of all children of New Jersey.